

## Sisters' S. C. E.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR EVANGELIST.—I have now crossed the Ohio, and am in the Buckeye state. I left Pittsburg early Tuesday morning. The ride was a lovely one along by the side of the beautiful Ohio. A little incident occurred which made me wonder "did it pay?" The car was quite cold, and the passengers not very comfortable. At one of the stations, the brakeman opened the door quite wide, and stepped off the train. A young man with a good bit of grumbling went forward and closed the door. Growling is catching I suppose, for we began to hear it from several others. Again the brakeman, a pleasant faced young man opened wide the door, and stepped away. This time a man seated about the middle of the coach went forward with rapid strides, with an ugly scowl on his face, and with all the muscular power he could summon, closed the door with an awful bang. Again the brakeman opened the door, and with no sign of disturbance in his voice requested that it be left open a minute, and as he stepped off, one of the men in a contemptuous voice growled "Smart Aleck," and we wondered to whom to apply it. It surely did not fit the brakeman who had acted the gentleman all the way through. Had he said "Smart Alecks" we could have counted several. Did it pay to make such an exhibition of ugly temper? Did it pay the man to waste his muscular force? Did it pay the man living in a glass house to throw stones? Did it pay the men to show the ladies present what ugly little tempers some men have?

I am now at North Georgetown. The S. S. C. E. here is not so favorably circumstanced as some are, yet is doing what it can, and hopes to do better work in the future. Like some of the other societies, it has met with some discouragements, but these come in all our pursuits, and should not be permitted to dishearten us. A discouragement bravely faced, and not yielded to, is like the temptation successfully fought. "Each victory will help us another to win."

At my last writing I was at Aleppo, Pa., and there, in spite of very inclement weather we effected an organization of fourteen members,—thirteen sisters and the pastor. That congregation has the reputation of accomplishing what it undertakes, so we shall hope to hear of success.

On Saturday I went to Jones' Mills. The weather continued to be much against us, but we had good meetings, and effected an organization of seventeen members. This church was very generous to us finan-

cially. We formed some pleasant acquaintances, and all in all had a good time. After services Sunday night we drove thirteen miles to Mt. Pleasant, to meet the sisters of that place on Sunday morning, Sister Meyers having invited them to her home. We had a pleasant little meeting and organized them into a Society with Sister Meyers as president. Sister Meyers is secretary of the National Organization, and is full of enthusiasm for the work. They have no church organization, and no church house at Mt. Pleasant, but these sisters will work, will pay their portion to the general work, and will deposit their earnings in the bank, for future use. Sometime a flourishing church in Mt. Pleasant may be the result of their effort.

We are quite gratified over the encouraging reports from the S. S. C. E's at different points as given in the EVANGELIST. We hope many others will write and tell us of their work. It will not be long now until time for the spring remittance. We hope the secretaries have all done their duty in collecting the fees, so that when remittance blanks are received, the remittance can be sent in without delay. We expect this time to have the blanks reach you sufficiently early that there will be no excuse for any society to be behind time in her remittance. If a few fees are not yet paid, when time to remit, it can be paid out of the treasury and then replaced. Each society can better afford to pay out of its treasury a few unpaid fees, that the national treasury can afford to lose the aggregate. Remember dear sisters, that the societies pledged themselves through their delegates at Conference to put forth every possible effort this year to sustain the Theological Chair. Can we not put forth an individual effort in this direction? Can we not by individual effort, each earn a dime, a quarter, or a dollar? Can we not deny ourselves something by which to save little for this work? Have we not enjoyed some special blessing from our Father in heaven, for which we desire to give a thank offering? Our last remittance was quite good; let us make the next better still by adding some free will offerings.

Do not forget also that at next Conference we expect to have a sales table. During these winter days, let us busy our fingers in preparing and fashioning articles for that work. Last year it was quite a success. Let us set our mark higher for this year. Experience last year taught us that those articles sell best that are at the same time useful and ornamental. Many persons who find time to make their own bed-clothing will buy fancy pin

cushions, head rests, tidies etc. The boarding hall is perhaps abundantly supplied with sheets, pillow cases, towels etc., so it will be better not to send this year this class of articles. We hope that all who can will send something, or if you cannot find time to make some article, can you not send the value in money? It will be equally acceptable. Let us all do something, that all may share in the blessings that shall result. Hoping that this year may be our best year, our most successful year, I am dear sisters, Yours earnestly,

LAURA E. N. GROSSNICKLE.

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